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Dear Sir/Madam:

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare the following:

I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than he had the right to claim in a patent. More specifically, the patentee has the right to claim presently amended patent claim 1 which broadens this claim. It is not required for patentability of claim 1 to require that: each said pairs of ribs defining a first narrow groove therebetween and adjacent pairs of ribs defining a second wider groove therebetween wherein the inner rib of each pair of ribs with respect to said second wider groove are disposed for engagement with the teeth and the outer rib of each pair of ribs with respect to said second wide groove are disposed for engagement with the gums when the animal bites down on said second wider groove. Rather, this language in claim 1 as set forth in the Supplemental Amendment filed concurrently herewith should be replaced as follows: at least one pair of ribs defining a first narrow groove therebetween and at least one adjacent pair of ribs defining a second wider groove therebetween wherein the inner rib of the at least one pair of ribs

are disposed for engagement with the teeth, and the outer rib of the at least one pair of ribs are disposed for engagement with the gums when the animal bites down on said outer peripheral surface between said spaced pairs of annular ribs.

Furthermore, it is believed that the patentee has the right to claim new independent claim 14 and dependent claims 15-19. It is believed that claim 14 constitutes a new combination requiring some of the elements of patent claims 5-8, as well as some elements from patent claim 1. More specifically, claim 14 requires the first and second bulbous sections, and center section similar to patent claims 5-8, but also requires the spaced pairs of ribs and the wider and narrower grooves disposed therebetween similar to patent claim 1.

Every error in the patent which was corrected in the present reissue application, and is not covered by a prior Oath/Declaration submitted in this application, arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the Applicant.

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